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RE: THE DELTA WETLANDS FEASIBILITY STUDY

Dear Mr. Wright and Mr. Hunt:

I am writing to support the continued study and evaluation of the In-Delta Storage Project. I am pleased that CALFED and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) have released the In-Delta Storage Program State Feasibility Study, a critical first step for this proposal.

I know you agree that California's growing population, economy and environmental health are dependent on a predictable and healthy water supply. Increased storage is a key part of CALFED's Record of Decision. Evaluation and implementation of the many projects and components of CALFED represent a profound challenge for your agency and its partners. Continued study of the In-Delta Storage Project will provide valuable tools for evaluation and comparison with the other storage proposals.

The In-Delta Storage Program State Feasibility Study concludes that the Delta Wetlands Project requires some additional study. California needs the benefits that the Feasibility Study attributes to Delta Wetlands. I urge the California Bay-Delta Authority and the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee to promptly approve the next step of work on the Delta Wetlands Project so that we can continue to address California's vital water supply needs.

Thank you for your work on this and the many other components of your mission. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tom
Tom Torlakson

cc: The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Members of the California Bay-Delta Authority
Members of the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee